

board member of the Foundation for Open Government in Connecticut helped to foster the public's right to an open and responsive government. In 2001, the Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information awarded Morgan the Stephen A. Collins Freedom of Information Award. He also promoted diversity in newspaper publishing as a member of the Task Force on Minorities in the Newspaper Business. His commitment to the responsibility of the media has been felt in the State of Connecticut and beyond for decades and his contributions will resonate for years to come.

Morgan's passion for his job and dedication to the vital role of our Nation's print media has been of great service to the citizens of Connecticut. I ask all my colleagues to join with me and my constituents in thanking Morgan McGinley for his service and wishing him the best in his new endeavors.

IN SUPPORT OF BANNING THE TRANSPORT OF SILVER CARP

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the addition of silver and largescale silver carp to the list of injurious species under the Lacey Act. The rule published in today's Federal Register by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service finally recognizes the threat that Asian Carp pose to our lakes and rivers. I applaud the Fish and Wildlife Service for responding to the pleas of the Great Lakes delegation and others in moving to ban the importation and interstate transport of silver carp.

The Great Lakes are a national treasure. Representing 95 percent of the United States' surface freshwater and providing drinking water to more than 30 million Americans, the Great Lakes are vital to the commercial, educational, and recreational interests of millions of Americans and Canadians.

Since my first day as a Congressman, I have been committed to restoring and protecting our Great Lakes. Invasive species have long been a serious threat and require a serious answer. We have seen the disastrous effect the zebra mussels have had on water quality and water treatment facilities in Chicago. The silver carp could be an even more severe threat to the Great Lakes, endangering fisheries, ecosystems, and even anglers.

Silver carp are native to Asia, but were brought to the United States as a means to control algae in sewage lagoons and fishery ponds. These fish have escaped into surrounding waters creating an imbalance in their ecosystems and posing a threat of injury due to the carps' ability to propel itself out of the water and into boats.

Today's decision to ban the importation of these two species is a breath of fresh air for the Great Lakes, and I will continue to work with my colleagues to make sure that other species of Asian Carp are included on the list. We cannot take the Great Lakes for granted, and we must remain vigilant in protecting them.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DAVID J. RIGBY

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to recognize the exceptional service of Mr. David J. Rigby on the occasion of his retirement from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

Mr. Rigby is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, where he majored in journalism, and the University of Oklahoma, where he completed a graduate program in mass communication. He also attended the Defense Information School in Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN, and the Federal Executive Institute at Charlottesville, Virginia.

Mr. Rigby has a distinguished history of outstanding work and service to his country. A U.S. Air Force Public Affairs Officer, he saw combat duty in Vietnam as an advisor to the Vietnamese Air Force. He was also responsible for directing the news media relations for the Strategic Defense Initiative, also known as "Star Wars." Mr. Rigby has had multiple assignments in the Pentagon and also served on the Reagan White House transition team.

On October 1, 1998, Mr. Rigby began his most recent position as Chief of the Public Affairs Office in the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. From the office's inception, he played a central role in forging the agency's image, shaping its mission, and spreading its message around the world. His talent and leadership helped change what the U.S. Combatant Commands expect of the agency and better prepared U.S. military bases to respond to disaster.

Please join me in sincerely thanking Mr. Rigby for his unwavering service to this country, and in wishing him the best in the future.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT OF ROBERT WALKER, SUPER- INTENDANT OF KITTATINNY RE- GIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the public service of Robert Walker, who has spent the past 40 years in proud service to countless New Jersey students as a classroom teacher and school administrator.

A Wisconsin native known for his commitment to his family and his famed Harley Davidson motorcycle, Robert Walker leaves behind him a real sense of respect from the faculty and students with which he has worked. The more than 1,200 students who attend Kittatinny Regional have achieved an excellent reputation for being well-behaved, appropriately dressed, and safety conscious. They exude Robert Walker's sense of pride in their school community.

Furthermore, Robert Walker's message to students and faculty alike is "service above self," and it shows. Kittatinny students have traveled as far as South Carolina to work with Habitat for Humanity. They've raised money

for school improvements. And, following the attacks on September 11, 2001, they bonded together to donate supplies needed by the rescue workers at ground zero, delivered personally by Robert Walker and other faculty.

When Robert Walker graduated from high school, he became a draftsman for Union Carbide in Newark. At the urging of a boss, he sought and achieved his college degree and took his first teaching job as a mechanical drawing teacher at Johnson Regional High School in Clark, New Jersey in 1967. The next year, he taught at Sussex County Vocational School, later serving as its assistant principal. In 1975, he moved to Kittatinny Regional High School, where he has been ever since, serving as superintendent for 23 of those years.

Having followed a somewhat non-traditional path to teaching himself, Robert Walker is a strong advocate for alternate-route teachers and has hired individuals from a wide variety of industries—from space engineers to reporters—to teach at his school. In fact, about a quarter of the school faculty are alternate-path teachers.

On July 1, Robert Walker retired from his lifetime of public service as an educator, but I am certain that in the years ahead he will continue to teach and lead all those around him, even if only by his good example. I commend him for his service to his community.

HONORING FRED R. RUIZ

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Fred R. Ruiz upon being honored with the 2007 Community Salute Award, a tribute given to remarkable individuals who have devoted service to California agriculture, the food service industry and their community. Mr. Ruiz will be receiving this honor from the Ag One Foundation at California State University-Fresno on June 29, 2007.

Mr. Ruiz is co-founder, chairman, and CEO of Ruiz Foods, Inc., the largest manufacturer and marketer of frozen Mexican foods in the Nation. It was in 1964 when the Ruiz family first began with only a mixer, a small freezer, and a willingness to work hard. Today, Ruiz Foods has risen to become one of the Nation's top Hispanic-owned manufacturing firms.

Ruiz Foods manufactures and markets the El Monterey brand of frozen Mexican food. As one of the largest manufacturers of its kind, Ruiz Foods contributes greatly to the consumption of California's beef, wheat, cheese, tomatoes, eggs and many other products. The positive effect on California agriculture and the surrounding community is extraordinary.

Fred Ruiz has demonstrated his dedication to the advocacy of education through his establishment of the Ag One—Fred Ruiz Scholarship Endowment Fund to benefit students pursuing a degree in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Fred R. Ruiz upon receiving the 2007 Community Salute Honor. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Ruiz many years of continued success.